

**ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF  
STUDY GUIDE**

A written examination for the class of **ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF** to be administered in **RAPIDES PARISH F.P.D. #2** on **SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**, will consist of approximately 110 multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

<b>SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM</b>
<b>FIRE ADMINISTRATION</b>  Knowledge of the principles of effective fire service management and administration, involving management theory; planning, organizing, and inspecting departmental operations; personnel management; budget preparations; and managing equipment, property, and supplies.	36.4%
<b>RECORDS MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of effective records-management practices, including preparation, content, format, and control.	9.1%
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>  Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with the media, other agencies, and the public.	9.1%
<b>SUPERVISION</b>  Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates; to resolve conflicts; and to maintain discipline.	27.3%
<b>FIREGROUND COMMAND</b>  Knowledge of fireground command procedures sufficient to perform size-up; supervise subordinate employees at the scene of an emergency in fighting fires containing hazardous materials, rescue, salvage and overhaul; and maintaining fireground communications.	18.2%

**REFERENCE LIST**

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

**PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 4th ed., 2005.

**NOTE: Obtain through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.**

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS:**

**FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK**, NFPA, 19th ed., 2003.

**MANAGEMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE**, Carter, Harry R., and Rausch, Erwin, NFPA, Quincy Mass., 4th ed., 2008.

**FIRE COMMAND**, Brunacini, Alan V., NFPA, 2nd ed., 2002.

**ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

**INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFSTA)/ FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATIONS** (Training Manuals):

Essentials of Firefighting, 4th ed., 1998.

Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 4th ed., 2007.

Respiratory Protection for Fire and Emergency Services, 1st ed., 2002.

**ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

**MANAGING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 1st ed., 2002.

**NOTE: Available through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.**

**EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS**, Cutlip, Scott M./Center, Allen M./Broom, Glen M., Prentice-Hall, Inc., A Simon & Schuster Company, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, 8th ed., 2000.

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